Springfield District Fairfax Center Area Land Use Committee Meeting September 23, 2003, 7:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes Conf. Rm. 2 & 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Cummings, Chair, Brentwood Civic Association
Fred Bailey, Deerfield Forest Homeowners Association
Sherry Fisher, Ridgetop Commons Homeowners Association
Tom McDonald, Buckner Forest Homeowners Association
Philip Poole, Cannon Ridge Civic Association
Jeff Saxe, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
Lowell Smith, Birch Pond Homeowners Association
Steve Wallace, Greenbriar Civic Association
Claudette Ward, Greater Willow Springs Civic Association
Patricia Goins, Leehigh Village/Birchtree Civic Association

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Marlae Schnare, Supervisor Elaine McConnell's Office Norm Byers, Supervisor Elaine McConnell's Office Hossein Malayeri, DPWES Jim Charron, FCPD Dave Sommers, FCPD Shawn Barrett, FCPD Jeff Smithberger, DPWES, MSW Andy Szakos, FCTD

OTHER:

Peter Murphy, *Planning Commission* Greg Long, *Baker & Associates* Brian Curtis, *Baker & Associates*

APPLICATIONS PRESENTED

Fairfax County Public Service Campus

Mr. Malayeri presented an overview of the County's plan to develop 78 acres located at the intersection of Rt. 29, West Ox Rd., and the Fairfax County Parkway. The County plans to develop a public service campus, including a maintenance facility for Fairfax Connector buses, a forensic lab, a new 911 call center, and a VDOT office with child care and cafeteria accommodations. Mr. Greg Long of Baker & Associates noted that this plan is an enhancement on the current uses of the site. Increased buffers, parking setbacks, and material upgrades – all are improvements to the look of this corner. Baker & Associates also noted their studies demonstrated that the traffic generated from this site would have a minimal effect on adjoining intersections and the noise studies demonstrated a minimum impact on the neighboring areas. Traffic engineer Brian Curtis noted that the intersections are currently operating at a level acceptable for an urban area, although he acknowledged problems with signaling and lane configurations. The buses coming from this site will normally leave earlier and return later than regular traffic so they shouldn't pose a problem. Fairfax County police representatives noted that

there have been many accidents at these intersections due to signaling and lane configurations. He also noted that the Fair Lakes intersection (with West Ox) is currently operating at Level "D." They are considering recommendation of dual left turn lanes and/or distributing signal timing.

Comments from committee members and the public included concerns about the traffic from new development, bus traffic, and cost of the plan. Estimated time of completion of the project is early summer 2007, the bus facility in 2006. The County intends to submit its 2232 application in October and have a Planning Commission public hearing in January.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.